

Minutes of the September 16, 2005 NIDCAC Meeting

Time: **Friday, September 16, 2005: 9:30 am - Noon**
 Place: Conference Room
 Fifth Floor, Executive Office Building
 521 So 14th Street
 Lincoln, NE 68508

1) Call to order and notice of meeting publication

Chairman Ron Bowmaster called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Present were: Ron Bowmaster, Bob Shanahan, Judy Jobman, Terry Lowe for Doug Thomas, Mahendra Bansal, Michael Calvert, Janice Walker, Steve Henderson, and Gordon Adams. Excused: Sandy Zoubeck. Absent: Jayne Scofield, Clayton Erickson, William Ptacek.

Ms. Janice Walker, State Court Administrator, attended as the representative of the courts.

The public meeting notice was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on September 9, 2005.



Approval of Minutes of January 21, 2005 meeting

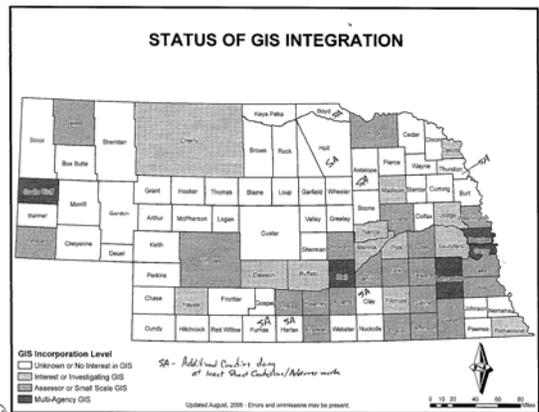
The minutes of the January 21, 2005 meeting were adopted by voice vote.

2) Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Larry Zink, Nebraska's state GIS Coordinator, appeared before the committee to present an update on federal, state, and local government initiatives relating to geographic information systems.

Mr. Zink presented information on six topics to the committee:

- Overview of local GIS Integration
- Land records modernization efforts
- Street centerline and address activities
- GIS governance and reorganization
- GIS metadata standards
- LR99 Interim study on access to GIS databases.



Local GIS Integration: Mr. Zink distributed a map of the state that outlines local government GIS activity. The darkest shaded counties are the most actively involved in GIS systems, while the counties with no shading represent counties where no interest or no information is available.

Land records modernization: Mr. Zink reviewed the status of LB 565, which seeks to increase the accessibility to land records, to modernize land records through the use of automated land information systems, and to provide a funding source for this effort. Specifically, the bill seeks to increase the document recording fee and the documentary stamp tax to generate funds that would be earmarked for the processing of land records. The increase would provide an annual total of \$3.0 million dollars for local governments, and \$1.0 million for state projects that would directly benefit land records improvements. LB 565 will carry over to the next legislative session. The GIS has developed proposed standards for Land Record Modernization. These standards have been submitted to the Nebraska Information Technology Commission (NITC) for review and adoption.

Street centerline and address activities: Mr. Zink noted that several state and local agencies are engaged in, or have an interest in, the digitizing of street centerlines and street addresses. These public agencies include: local governments, Public Service Commission Enhanced E911 systems, State Patrol computer aided dispatch, Department of Revenue Streamlined Sales Tax Project, Emergency Response, Voter Registration, Department of Roads, and the Nebraska GIS Steering Committee.

While there is no single effort to digitize street centerlines, the GIS steering committee has recommended both guidelines and statewide minimum standards for the collection and mapping of street centerlines. The GIS Committee anticipates that agencies engaged in digitizing street centerlines and street addresses will adopt state standards to ensure interoperability between jurisdictions.

While land records modernization and street centerline/street addresses remain the two topics of highest priority to the GIS Committee, Mr. Zink reported on other activities relating to GIS.

GIS Reorganization: An advisory committee on GIS Enterprise Coordination has developed proposals to enhance Nebraska's GIS coordination efforts. The proposal identifies two national organizational models to facilitate development and coordination of GIS activities. The models directly link the GIS coordinating council with the Nebraska Information Technology Commission and CIO and include nine recommendations for coordination, authority, and support, together with six recommendations for data development and distribution, and two recommendations for GIS budget and finance. The GIS Steering Committee adopted these proposals.

GIS Metadata Standards: The GIS Advisory Committee has developed a set of standards and a set of recommendations for street address databases and county street centerline and address databases. These standards have been submitted to the Nebraska Information Technology Commission and to the Nebraska Public Service Commission (PSC). Mr. Zink apprized the committee of the Enhanced E911 contractual discussions now sponsored by the Public Service Commission. The PSC is negotiating with vendors on the standards being developed to implement the Enhanced E911 emergency response project.

LR 99 Interim Study on Access to GIS Databases. Finally, Mr. Zink presented Legislative Resolution 99 that calls for a legislative study on access to GIS databases. The interim study calls on the Government, Military, and Veteran's Affairs Committee to study issues raised by Legislative Bill 490, 2005 Legislative Session, including the use and dissemination of public GIS databases.

3) Juvenile and Child Abuse and Neglect

Mr. Steve Schafer, Information Management Systems, and Mr. Mike Overton, Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, appeared at the invitation of the committee to discuss the state's on-going efforts at improving Nebraska's juvenile service and juvenile support systems. Mr. Schafer and Mr. Overton presented an update on the efforts of the Juvenile Data Sharing Committee and the Governor's Steering Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect. Ms. Janice Walker, State Court Administrator, provided an overview of the activities of the Supreme Court Commission on Children in the Courts.

Nebraska's Juvenile Data Sharing Committee, chartered by the Office of the CIO and the Nebraska Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Committee, was charged with the responsibility to develop a comprehensive juvenile data sharing strategic plan. Mr. Overton reported that a contract for the development of the juvenile strategic plan was awarded to the MTG consulting group. MTG has completed the project and presented the juvenile data sharing strategic plan to the CIO and the Crime Commission. MTG identified four specific strategic goals:

- Create a statewide culture where information about children in Nebraska is actively shared with authorized entities,
- Establish a governance and funding structure to support ongoing data sharing,
- Establish charters that define how information is maintained and shared, and
- Create a technical framework that can be expanded to include additional entities or extend the information available.

Mr. Schafer pointed out that Nebraska has a rich history of information sharing, and that the recommendations relating to governance and funding structures are now being discussed. Once the governance structure has been resolved, the other recommendations contained in the strategic plan can be addressed.

The Governor's Steering Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect has also made specific tactical recommendations to develop projects in the following subject matter areas:

- Identify legal constraints or obligations imposed by federal or state government on child abuse and neglect information exchanges,
- Create processes to extend access to existing information systems,
- Create project that are intended to facilitate the exchange of information between different classes of users and between different information systems, and
- Identify and address system changes to include processes that do not now exist, develop new interrelationships between systems, or develop new systems to meet the needs of the user community.

Mr. Overton updated the committee on the progress of projects intended to expand access to existing information. A new portal to information contained in the Nebraska Criminal Justice Information System (NCJIS) has been created for protection and safety workers. This portal allows protection and safety workers access to relevant criminal justice information that was previously available to law enforcement agencies. In addition, the Department of Health and Human Services has completed a project to transfer information relating to state wards to the NCJIS server for access by law enforcement.

A third initiative being developed by a National Governor's Association grant relates to the transfer of the allegation of child abuse or neglect received by HHS child protection services

to the NCJIS server and subsequently to law enforcement. Mr. Bowmaster provided an update on this project. The project involves retrieving the law enforcement notification document created by the NFocus system, converting the document to comply with the Global XML Data Model, and transferring the document to the NCJIS server. The project involves mapping the current intake data to the Global data dictionary, creating a Global compliant document schema, a Global compliant style sheet, and the XML transformation from the existing document to the Global document. This project is currently underway.

Ms. Walker then briefed the committee on the activities of the Supreme Court Commission on Children in the Courts. Ms. Walker stated that the emphasis of the commission is focused on:

- Creating standards of practice and necessary training for guardians ad Litem,
- Improving the effectiveness of legal representation of children and youth, and
- Expediting the appeal process for juvenile cases, including termination of parental rights.

4) Next Meeting: November 18, 2005

The next regularly scheduled NIDCAC meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2005 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The committee expressed an interest in the efforts of the Public Service Commission relating to implementation of enhanced E911 service and subsequent GIS implications for street centerline data standards. Mr. Bowmaster will contact the PSC to request a presentation on this topic.

5) Adjourn

On a motion of the committee, the meeting was adjourned.
